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Arrival Yugoslav ship Drsic at Houston to load PL 480 flour for UAR preceded by adverse publicity. (Ship had carried wheat from USSR to Havana.) Drsic picketed at Houston by Cuban refugees and NMU. Longshoremen refused cross picket lines to work ship. In face these difficulties, UAR terminated its charter following discussions with Yugoslavs. Drsic departed Houston although not without additional difficulty due initial unwillingness harbor tugs and pilots to assist departure.

No United States Government action taken against Drsic at any time. Drsic not rpt not barred from lifting other cargo "this trip" or any trip. Problem in Houston was result action refugees and unions without cognisance this Government. Matter resolved by UAR decision cancel charter and by departure Yugoslav ship. FYI - We understand matter settled by informal agreement between UAR and Yugoslav Embassies in Washington. END FYI.

However, actions to be taken re shipping with Cuba (see Department's TOPAL 457 to Paris October 2 pouched to Belgrade) will affect ships in circumstances similar to those of Drsic. Actions will:

1. Close all U. S. ports to all ships of any country if any ship under the flag of that country hereafter carries arms to Cuba.

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2. Direct that no government cargo shall be carried on a foreign flag ship if any ship of the same owners is used hereafter in Bloc-Cuba trade.

3. Direct that no United States flag ship and no United States owned ship shall carry goods to or from Cuba.

4. Close all United States ports to any ship that on the same continuous voyage was used or is being used in Bloc-Cuba trade.

END.

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